

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
 From: Board Office
 Subject: ISD Technology/Internet Policy
 Date: August 30, 2001

Recommended Action:

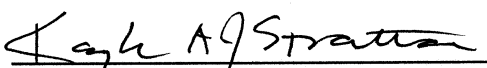
Approve the ISD Technology/Internet Policy (Attachment A).

Executive Summary:


Two new federal laws went into effect in April of 2001, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act (NCIPA), which require K-12 schools and libraries that receive federal funds to implement Internet safety policies and Internet filtering technology. In order to be eligible for federal technology funds, a school or library must certify with the Federal Communications Commission that it has selected a technology and implemented a policy to filter pornography and obscene content on school computers with Internet access.

Responding to these federal requirements, the Iowa School for the Deaf has developed a proposed Technology/Internet Policy. The proposed policy and accompanying usage procedures attempt to balance concerns for student safety with important freedom of expression considerations. The ISD Internet policy is similar to one used by Area Education Agency 13 and requires parents of ISD students to "sign off" that their child may access the Internet, with the prescribed parameters and restrictions.

Approval of the policy (Attachment A) is recommended.


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Approved:


 Robert J. Barak